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Through the courtesy of Professor Koch, and his associate, Professor Beck, I was permitted to see the method of treatment at the institute.

Respectfully,

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HONDURAS.

*Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *April 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my report for the week ended April 6, 1901. Five vessels cleared from this port for the United States: March 31, steamship *Ely*, Corning; 20 crew; New Orleans. April 1, steamship *Dudley*, Andersen; 18 crew; Mobile. April 3, steamship *Sunbeam*, Thompson; 18 crew; New Orleans. April 4, steamship *Usk*, Hurry; 20 crew; New Orleans. April 5, steamship *Sunniva*, Johanneesen; 14 crew; Mobile.

I have made a careful inspection of La Ceiba and find the health of the port excellent, there being very little sickness of any kind at present. The sanitary condition, while not perfect, is above the average of tropical ports, and under existing conditions could hardly be improved. I have been unable to visit all of the subports, but those that I have I find healthy and in fair sanitary condition.

I inclose copies of certificates issued to vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

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INDIA.

*Plague, smallpox, and cholera in Bombay from June 7, 1900, to March 5, 1901.*

BOMBAY, INDIA, *March 12, 1901.*

SIR: In continuation of my health report dated June 7, 1900, I submit the following details, bringing same up to present time, March 5, 1901.

Smallpox had been epidemic in March 1900, the weekly mortality reaching 267 in week ended March 6, 1900. It gradually declined to a few deaths per week in June.

Cholera seemed to have been increased by the influx into the city of famine sufferers. It became epidemic in June and ran its course in the following three months, reached the climax in August, when, during week ended August 21, 1900, it caused 764 deaths.

We are now in our fifth season of plague. During the hot months it generally drops to as low as 50 per week in the city, as was the case during the first week in the month of August. On the approach of the cool weather it rapidly increases and reaches its climax in the winter months. The largest death rate was during week ended March 5, 1901. This is substantially its history for the last five years.